

REMARKS:**General**

Claims 1-2, 4, 6-10, 12-20 are pending in the application. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claim 3 is to be canceled with this amendment.

- Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Scheminger in further view of McGuyer and Garret.
- Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Scheminger in further view of McGuyer and Garret and further in view of Stowell.
- Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Scheminger in further view of McGuyer and Garret and further in view of Arend.
- Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb in view of Garret and Cronheim further in view of Stowell.
- Claims 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb in view of Garret and Cronheim further in view of Stowell and Arend.
- Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Arend in view of Whitemiller.

1. **Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Scheminger in further view of McGuyer and Garret.**

Claim 1 been amended to include limitations not disclosed in the cited references. For example, claim 1 now includes the limitation wherein the finger stop structure is an elongated resilient pad extending along a top surface of the handle, with a width of the pad being substantially narrower than a width of a handle portion proximate to the pad, said pad being a rubber material being substantially more resilient than said handle portion, and wherein a length of the pad extends upwardly away from a base of the handle portion along a ridge portion terminating at the neck portion, said ridge defining an enlarged portion of the handle proximate to the handle portion. As a result, the combination of Cronheim in view of Scheminger in further view of McGuyer and Garret, even if proper, would fail to yield the present invention. Reconsideration of the rejection under 103(a) is requested.

2. **•Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Scheminger in further view of McGuyer and Garret and further in view of Stowell and Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

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as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Scheminger in further view of McGuyer and Garret and further in view of Arend.

Claim 3 has been canceled. Claim 2 includes the limitations of claim 1 and for the reasons specified above, the combination of references, even if proper, would fail to yield the present invention. Reconsideration of the rejection under 103(a) is requested.

3. • **Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Webb in view of Garret and Cronheim further in view of Stowell.**

Claims 12 and 13 been amended to include limitations not disclosed in the cited references. For example, claim 12 now includes the limitation of a neck portion extending arcuately from the first end of the handle, wherein the length of the neck portion is greater than twice the diameter of the cutting wheel, with a width of the finger stop structure being substantially narrower than a width of a handle portion proximate to the stop structure, and wherein a length of the pad extends upwardly away from a base of the handle portion along a ridge portion terminating at the neck portion, said ridge defining an enlarged portion of the handle proximate to the handle portion. As a result, the combination of references, even if proper, would fail to yield the present invention. Reconsideration of the rejection under 103(a) is requested.

4. **Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McGuyer in view of Riley and further in view of Arend et al.**

Claims 14 – 16 include the limitations of claim 12 and for the reasons identified above, it is submitted that these claims are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection under 103(a) is requested.

5. **Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cronheim in view of Arend in view of Whitemiller**

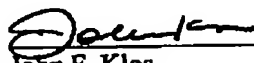
Claims 17- 20 have been amended to include limitations not disclosed in the cited references. For example, claim 17 now includes the limitation of a width of the pad being substantially narrower than a width of a handle portion proximate to the pad, said pad being a rubber material being substantially more resilient than said handle portion, and wherein a length of the pad extends upwardly away from a base of the handle portion along a ridge portion terminating at the neck portion, said ridge defining an enlarged portion of the handle proximate to the handle portion. As a result, the combination of references, even if proper, would fail to yield the present invention. Reconsideration of the rejection under 103(a) is requested.

Conclusion

Fees associated with an extension of time to respond to an Office action in a timely manner may be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned, Dep. Acct # 50-1212 (ref. 10313984).

Should the Examiner wish to discuss these claims further, or should an Examiner's Amendment be needed in order for the claims to proceed to allowance, the Examiner is invited to direct any questions regarding this application to John Klos at (612) 321-2806.

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